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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 48

Introduced by Senator Hueso

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May 30, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 48—Relative to Swimmable California Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 48, as amended, Hueso. Swimmable California Day.

This measure would proclaim July 25, 2013, as Swimmable California Day to recognize Californians' rights to clean and safe waters for swimming and other appropriate activities, and to encourage Californians to enjoy and use their waters.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the federal
2 Clean Water Act in 1972 with the goal of providing clean and safe
3 waters for swimming, fishing, and drinking; and

4 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature passed the
5 Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act in 1969 to entrust the
6 state water board and nine regional boards with broad duties and
7 powers to preserve and enhance all beneficial uses of waters of
8 the state, including, but not limited to, recreation; and

9 WHEREAS, Federal and state clean water laws have facilitated
10 dramatic improvements in controlling pollution from industrial
11 and municipal treatment work pipes; and

12 WHEREAS, Continued efforts are needed to address polluted
13 stormwater runoff, trash, and other threats to the health of
14 California's ocean, coastline, and waters; and

15 WHEREAS, California coastal areas, beaches, estuaries, rivers,
16 streams, and lakes enhance the quality of life and well-being of
17 all Californians; and

18 WHEREAS, An estimated 238 million people use and enjoy
19 California's beaches each year; and

20 WHEREAS, Urban rivers and other waters provide free exercise
21 and recreational opportunities for low-income communities that
22 might otherwise have limited access to natural environments or
23 open spaces; and

24 WHEREAS, California depends on clean water for its
25 recreational and ecotourism, fishing industry, international ports,
26 and other coastal or ocean-dependent industries; and

27 WHEREAS, California's ocean economy generates more than
28 \$40 billion annually, with the tourism and recreation sectors
29 accounting for 76 percent of all coastal employment; now,
30 therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
32 *thereof concurring*, That the California Legislature finds that
33 implementation, enforcement, and funding of federal and state
34 stormwater regulations and other water laws are critical to
35 California's economy and its way of life; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the California Legislature proclaims July 25,
37 2013, as "Swimmable California Day" to recognize Californians'
38 rights to coastal areas, beaches, estuaries, rivers, streams, and lakes
39 that are clean and safe for swimming and other appropriate

- 1 activities, and to encourage Californians to enjoy and use their
- 2 waters; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 4 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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